



Marc Elrich, County Executive
Andrew Kleine, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Linda Moore, UCAB Chair

January 24, 2020

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, January 27 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Changes in Montgomery County Government"
Guest: Andrew Kleine, Chief Administrative Officer
Offices of the County Executive

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery Drivers Could Be Affected by Temporary Weekend Closures on ICC
Jan. 24-27 and Jan. 31-Feb. 3 for MDTA Tolling System Upgrades

Montgomery County drivers who use the Intercounty Connector (ICC/MD 200) could be affected by temporary weekend road closures Jan. 24-27 and Jan. 31-Feb. 3 as the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) implements its next generation electronic tolling systems. Part of those upgrades will include replacing existing tolling hardware and software at all toll facilities.

Beginning 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, and continuing until 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, westbound traffic on the ICC/MD 200 will be detoured at New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650). The detour route will direct motorists north on New Hampshire Avenue to Norbeck Road, west to Layhill Road (MD 182) and south on Layhill Road back to westbound ICC/MD 200.

The following weekend, from 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, until 5 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, eastbound ICC/MD 200 traffic will be detoured at Layhill Road (MD 182). The detour route will direct motorists north on Layhill Road to Norbeck Road, east on Norbeck Road to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) and south on New Hampshire Avenue back to eastbound ICC/MD 200.

During both weekends, motorists will be tolled as a single trip when traveling the detour routes. The temporary detours are needed due to the amount of equipment and work crews involved and to help ensure the safety of workers and motorists.

Moving forward, MDTA plans to have crews working on one gantry in each direction of the ICC per weekend. MDTA will issue additional traffic advisories as work progresses and schedules are finalized. Work will be scheduled during off-peak hours, including weekends and overnight.

To sign up for email and text alerts or view real-time traffic camera images on MDTA roadways, visit mdta.maryland.gov. Real-time updates on major incidents can be followed on Twitter at twitter.com/TheMDTA.

Charter Review Commission Seeks Public Input (see dates and locations listed below)

The county's Charter Review Commission seeks public input and invites residents to participate in any of the five listening sessions scheduled through March 23. The purpose of the sessions is to discuss the structure of the Montgomery County Council.



The sessions will address whether the size of the Council and its make-up should be changed or remain the same. Currently the Council has nine members made up of five district Councilmembers and four at-large Councilmembers.

The County Charter is the constitution of the Montgomery County government. The County Council with the County Executive's input appoints an eleven-member, bi-partisan, [Charter Review Commission](#) to study the County Charter. The Commission must report to the Council in May with recommendations for possible revisions to the charter.

The listening sessions will be held at the following times and locations:

Bethesda: Sunday, Jan. 26 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
Conference Room West-A
4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda

Burtonsville: Saturday, Feb. 8 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Marilyn J. Praisner Library
Meeting Room #2
14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

Olney: Saturday, Feb. 22 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Olney Community Library
Meeting Room #2
3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney

Rockville: Wednesday, March 4 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Council Office Building
3rd Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Ave., Rockville

Germantown: Monday, March 23 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Upcounty Regional Services Center
Conference Room A
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Anyone interested in attending a session and providing comments may sign up [here](#). Attendees who have a prepared statement, which is not necessary for testimony at these sessions, are asked to please bring a courtesy copy to share with the Commission.

Members of the public also are encouraged to submit any comments to the Charter Review Commission in writing at charterreview.commission@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Looking for Librarians!!!

MULTIPLE OPENINGS for Librarian I, Librarian II, & Senior Librarian. Duties include assisting library customers, facilitating programs, assisting with activities, and promoting library services to the community.

How to Apply: WORK4MCG.com & search IRC40007 - IRC42247 - IRC42248.

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich Proposes Record Level of Funding for Affordable Housing And Highlights Accomplishments in First State of the County Address

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich delivered his first 'State of the County' address last week, telling a packed crowd at the Silver Spring Civic Building that despite challenges the County is facing, much has been accomplished in his first year in office and a clear direction has been established to move forward. He also unveiled his proposal to remedy the County's lack of affordable housing with a record spending initiative.

In his address, County Executive Elrich said that his administration will continue to build on the seven priorities he established upon taking office in December 2018:

- Thriving Youth and Families
- A Growing Economy
- A Greener County
- Easier Commutes
- A More Affordable and Welcoming County for a lifetime
- Safe Neighborhoods, and
- An Effective, Sustainable Government

County Executive Elrich stressed that the County must continue to work to improve in areas and must not be satisfied in areas in which it has been successful.

The video of his address can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/7qAWFKaarHU>.

First-ever Montgomery County Government Employee Survey Indicates High Levels of Job Satisfaction and Key Areas for Improvement

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23781



**MDOT SHA District 3 Major Construction and Maintenance
Planned Lane Closure Update for
Prince George's and Montgomery Counties
*For the Period Beginning January 23, 2020***

Visit https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3_LANE_CLOSURES.pdf to see this week's MDOT SHA District 3 major planned construction-related lane closure update. Please feel free to share this information with members of your e-mail or list-serv groups, visitors to your website and your social media followers.

RespectFest!
Sunday, March 29 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Wheaton Community Recreation Center
11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton

Choose Respect is an initiative with the Montgomery County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council under the Office of the Sheriff. The initiative aims to celebrate healthy relationships and spread awareness and prevention education about dating violence. A conference has been held for the past 10 years and a decision was made to have a festival this year instead.

The target audience includes middle and high school students and parents. There will be activity booths to engage students with games and activities about dating violence, a resource fair, performances, yoga and self-defense demos, food, raffles and the announcement of your video contest. The whole festival is free, and students can earn SSL hours for attending.

Currently, the video contest is open. Middle and high school students can submit a 60 second video on dating violence for a chance to win \$1,000!

The website is <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/> and you can download our flyers there as well.



ENTER BY FEBRUARY 28, 2020

- Create a 60-second video about dating violence prevention and getting help.
- English or Spanish entries accepted
- Winners will be announced at RespectFest
- [Click here for all the rules and to submit your entry.](#)

'Senior Planet Montgomery' Technology Classes Designed to Help Those 60-and-Over Live Better in a Variety of Ways Opens Registration for Winter Classes That Begin Monday, Feb. 3

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23805

**Registration is Now Open for the County's Office of Human Rights
Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience
Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, April 26**

Registration is open for the 2020 Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience. This annual historic civil-rights bus tour retraces the Freedom Trail, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Greensboro sit-ins, voting rights, and other significant events of the Civil Rights Movement.

The nine-day bus tour will leave Rockville on Saturday, April 18 and return Sunday, April 26. The tour will travel to Greensboro, NC; Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, AL; Memphis and Clinton, TN; Little Rock, AR and Jackson, MS to retrace the steps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and many other civil-rights heroes. Highlights on the tour include the Birth Home Museum of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; the new National Center for Civil and Human Rights; the Civil Rights Memorial Museum; the International Civil Rights Center and Museum; the Rosa Parks Museum; the Freedom Rides Museum; the new Legacy and Peace and Justice Museums; the National Voting Rights Museum; the famed Sixteenth Street Baptist Church; the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge; the Little Rock Central High School; Emmett Till Museum; Green McAdoo School; Alex Haley Freedom Village; Medgar Evers' Home and the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel.

The tour features special guests Joan Mulholland and Willie King who will provide personal accounts of their experiences during the civil rights movement to bring the history to life from two who witnessed and participated in the events. Mulholland is a 1960's Freedom Rider and King transcribed Martin Luther King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

Payment is due by March 15. Event details, including registration form, itinerary and general information is available [here](#). Early registration is encouraged as this trip usually fills. Credit cards and checks are accepted as payment for registration.

The trip includes travel on a deluxe motor coach with Wi-Fi, hotel accommodations, multiple tour and museum admissions, some meals, snacks and more. ***The tour is available to County and non-county residents.***

For more information, contact Beverly Marshall in the Office of Human Rights at Beverly.marshall@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-8479.

**County Offers Free Tax Help for Eligible Residents
Available now through April 15**

County residents earning \$56,000 or less can schedule an appointment for free tax preparation through the Community Action Agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Free tax assistance is available now through April 15, 2020 at sites throughout the county: **Gaithersburg (Mondays)**, Silver Spring (Tuesdays), Rockville (Wednesdays), East County and **Germantown (Thursdays)**, and Wheaton (Fridays).

To make an appointment, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback, call 240-777-1123 or call 3-1-1. TTY users, please call MD Relay (711). To request special accommodations, call 240-777-1123 at least three business days in advance of appointment. For more information, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback.

New Safety Law

Beginning July 1, 2019, a new law in Montgomery County now requires many existing single-unit, two-unit and townhouse dwellings to have Carbon Monoxide Alarms located outside sleeping areas and on every level of a home. Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms are designed to emit an alarm when high levels of CO are detected but before they reach life-threatening levels. For more info, visit the Montgomery County, MD Fire and Rescue Service Blog

[English](#) - [Spanish](#)

Census Seeks Employees



The 2020 U.S. Census Bureau continues seeking employees to work as enumerators next year. The hiring and training processes are currently taking place.

The Census Bureau is looking to employ an estimated 600 people in Montgomery County. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Salaries start at \$21 per hour and a background check is required.

Interested candidates can apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

MCAEL Holds 7th Annual Spelling Bee for Adults

Thursday, April 23 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Montgomery College

7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

It's happening - the [7th Annual Grown-Up Spelling Bee](#)! You know the drill --- local teams compete for the MCAEL Honeycomb trophy confirming their status as the county's best spellers! Think you have what it takes to win? Sponsor a team - info [here](#).

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs